

Local File Transfer**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method is disclosed of transferring data to a first communications device
5 having a first transceiver for communication at a first data rate over a long range, and a
second transceiver for communication at a second, higher data rate over a short range.
The method includes forming a co-ordinated short-range wireless network using the
first communications device and at least one second communications device of a
similar type. Communication is then initiated between the first communications device
10 and said at least one second communications device to establish whether that second
communications device has data required by the first communications device. The first
communications device then communicates, upon the first communications device
receiving confirmation that a second communications device has the required data, with
a service provider using its first transceiver to request permission for the transfer of the
15 required data from said communications device to the first communications device.
Finally, the required data is transferred from said second communications device to
the first communications device, following transmission by the service provider to the
first communications device of authorisation.

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